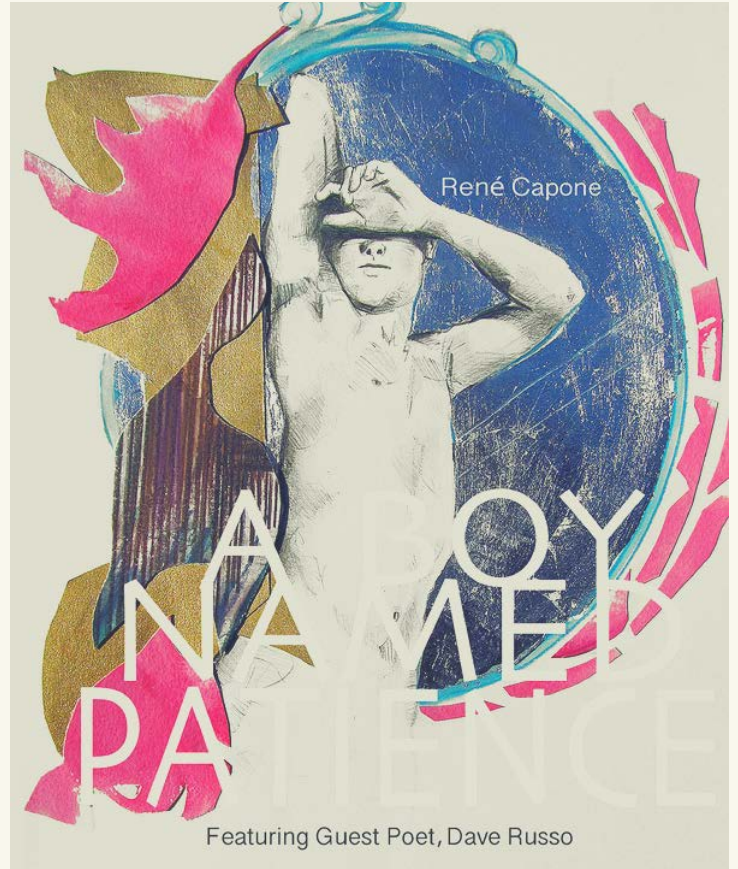


A BOY NAMED PATIENCE



THE COLLECTED WORKS OF RENÉ CAPONE, FIGURE ARTIST (1997-2018)

Featuring guest poet
Dave Russo

"...a mercurial collection of
undying devotion."
—Daniel Nicoletta





AN ART BOOK FOR LOVERS & DREAMERS

A Boy Named Patience is a culmination of the best works of art from internally renowned queer figure artist **René Capone** from 1997-2018, featuring his most imaginative & beloved paintings in conversation with the poetry of **Dave Russo**.

Well-known for mystical depictions of young boys looking for their place in the world, Capone explores themes of truth, beauty, love, romance & sexuality through diverse depictions of the male body. This collection features **the most emotionally evocative characters** from the artist's twenty-year career, from intimate glimpses of naked young men in an Edenic relationship with nature, to boys in love trapped in stark and threatening landscapes, to colorful re-imaginings of Greek myths, Tarot cards, wild creatures & savage archetypes.

A Boy Named Patience is a celebration of art, of love, of dreaming & a message to other young artists who dare to create that "Yes, you can!"

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RENÉ CAPONE

FIGURE ARTIST

René Carol Capone (b. September 22, 1978) is an American figure painter known for his depiction of the male form with whimsical, erotic & mysterious imagery, often in mythical contexts. Capone began his art career creating dreamlike, sensual, often homoerotic images of young men in search of love, identity & their place in the world. Private collectors of Capone's work can be found in the [U.S.](#), [Canada](#), [Sweden](#), [England](#), [France](#), [Japan](#) & [the Netherlands](#). In 2004 [Glaxo Smith Kline](#) became his first corporate collector.

Born in upstate New York in a small town named Niskayuna, he attended the [Parsons School of Design](#) in New York City with a scholarship in fine arts. Upon completion in 2000, he moved to California to continue studying at the [San Francisco Art Institute](#). He has a special place in his heart for the Bay Area, where his art career took off.



"René Capone's artwork
is **visually stunning**
and **emotionally loud.**"

—Mike Glatze, XY magazine



Capone took a four-year absence from creating fine art to dig deep into the topic of child abuse, releasing a graphic novel titled [The Legend of Hedgehog Boy](#). The novel struck a deep chord with readers & transformed the artist as well. Other publishing achievements include: "[Stripped: The Illustrated Male](#)" from [Bruno Gmunder](#). His work has been featured in [The Advocate](#), [RFD Magazine](#), [XY magazine](#), [Blue](#), [Joey](#), [Y&A](#), and others. His art can be seen on book covers from France to Israel, including a series of books from [arnolandpress.com](#) called "[The Goldberg Variations](#)" (Vol. 1- 4).

Capone was hospitalized for multiple bone replacement procedures from 2015 to 2018. Although titanium from the waist down, he has made a full recovery. His series "[The Chronicles of Zebra Boy](#)," explores the metaphor of becoming a living zebra as a symbolic reflection of surgery. [HIVPlusMag](#) featured his work in "[Turning Scars Into Art](#)."

The [Cherryland Art Gallery](#) in Hayward was his haven after the bone surgeries. Since then, he has relocated to Newport Beach. Capone has healed, recovered, and moved on with his life. It's a beautiful thing to defy death. He continues to work constantly on figure art, still looking for magic, mystery, and a touch of undefinable danger. At 40 years old his voluminous body of work contains [great depth of imagination and emotional range](#).

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YES, YOU CAN!

ART IS SACRED TO LIFE

& THE IMPULSE TO CREATE MUST BE FOLLOWED

Looking back on two decades as a professional artist, René Capone has some advice for young boys, especially queer artists, looking for their place in the world: "Yes, you can. Hold onto what makes you *you*, no matter what, especially if you're marginalized in any way. Creativity is the most coveted substance on earth. Never give up."

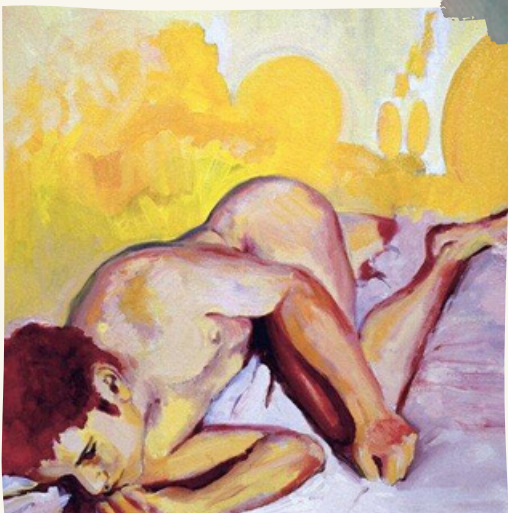
"There are so many times I thought, I should have been dead by now," René laughs. "But I just don't die. I keep making art. It's really the only thing I'm good at, so I think I have to do it. And I want young people to know, it's possible."

Count these things in René's past: an abusive childhood, years of hospitalization, depression, identity crises, and looking for love in all the wrong places. Through it all, the artist has always returned to the canvas, transforming personal angst into vivid, allegorical renderings of his journey, amassing hundreds of paintings and drawings that speak to the lover and dreamer in all of us.

Count these things in René's life now: a loving partner, good health, a persistent sense of humor...



...friends, love, hope and this celebration of what is possible.

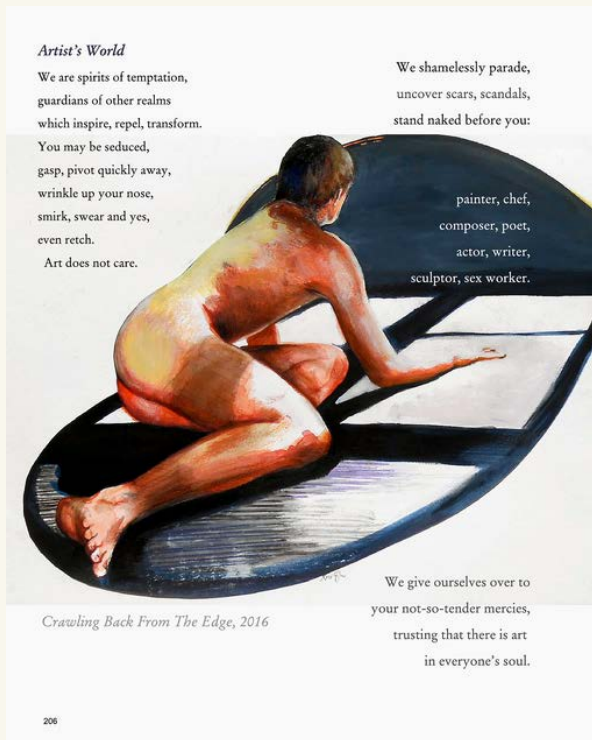


May **A Boy Named Patience** invite you to experience your own path through the forest, where creativity is the most nourishing substance in life.



THE AHA MOMENT

WHEN **POETRY & ART** COLLIDED



"I always knew this book would exist, but not when it would happen or with whom. I tried many times over the years to collaborate with poets, but none of them were the right fit...until I met Dave. It was the 'Aha!' moment.

It was prophetic. We were both the right type of crazy for each other and worked in a frenzy, laying out the book in under a month. I waited twenty years for the right poet, and then, when the time was right, it felt like **divine intervention**."

—René Capone

DAVE RUSSO

POET

Dave Russo is a retired attorney, enjoying a second career in the creative world. He is a member of SAG-AFTRA & has appeared in commercials, television, theater & film. He has written & produced for the stage & is the author of the poetry chapbook, *Token' of My Esteem*, as well as the creator of **OUT LOUD**, an LGBTQ+ arts festival in Long Beach, Calif.

His personal philosophy about the non-finite nature of love & the beauty of polyamorous relationships is deeply entrenched in his poetic work. With his husband & two daughters, he has lived in Long Beach, California, for 21 years. He is a grandfather of four.



PRAISE FOR **A BOY NAMED PATIENCE**

Capone's magnificent paintings are adeptly centered in the representational expressionist traditions, but they are also set apart from that history by their **explicitly queer narratives**.

I feel the paintings will be recognized as **maverick for their time for generations to come**, partly due to their insistence that erotic work sometimes has a place in the contemporary ongoing cultural conversation about **trauma survival**.

The choice to hybridize this book with poetry is also brave and author Dave Russo is a terrific and poignant collaborator. The **metaphysical archetypes** in the paintings are not lost on Russo and thankfully he and Capone dance the dance of point and counterpoint skillfully, leaving a wide enough berth for contemplation of each artist's work independently within the sumptuous volume.

—**Daniel Nicoletta, Italian-American photographer, photojournalist and gay rights activist**



"This book is a wonderful testament to the **mythic beauty** of René Capone's artwork. His gorgeous imagery combined with the poetry of Dave Russo are a **spellbinding combination**. The experience as a whole makes me think of what would happen if Joseph Campbell and William Blake collaborated on an art project. While Capone's work is homoerotic and speaks to a queer sensibility, there is also a **haunting, spiritual quality** which is universal."

—**Matt Pipes, American painter**

PRAISE (CON.)

"As someone who owns both of René's books, **A Boy Named Patience** is a wonderful addition and exploration into the world of René Capone. Featuring **dazzling imagery**, **moving poetry**, and **a lot of heart**. His watercolors are a dream come to life, bursting from the page, ready to dance across your imagination. The artwork he has painstakingly created over the years now has a permanent home on my coffee table (and it's much smaller to lug around than hundreds of canvas paintings).

—**Brandon McGill**, **American body painter**

"I've had the privilege of following René's work for two decades now, and though it ranges widely from **subtle to bold and erotic to mysterious**, it is **always honest**. This wonderful collection, along with the fitting poetry alongside, is an excellent introduction to those new to René's art, and also an ideal companion and summary for those already familiar with him."

—**David Chow**

A Boy Named Patience not only offers a lifetime of beautiful and inspired artwork but also evokes all the emotions that are present in great art: joy, sorrow, physical and spiritual growth, eroticism, pain & healing among others...

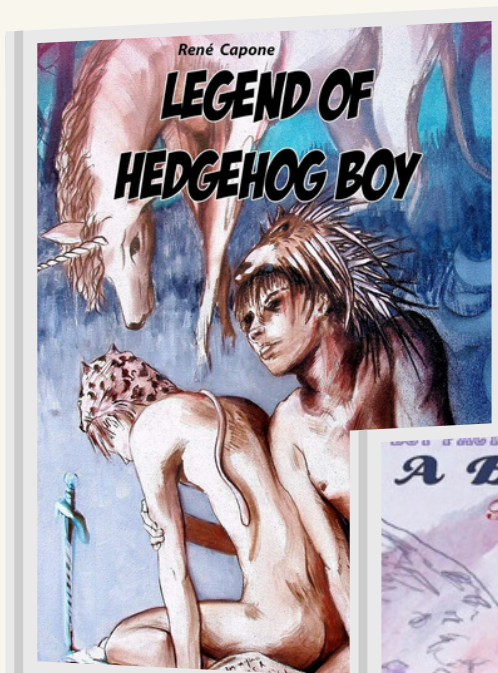
This is a book that not only displays the artist's work but also his life's journey. I highly recommend this **beautiful retrospective** from a **brilliant artist**.

—**Allen Canarutto**



OTHER BOOKS

BY RENÉ CAPONE



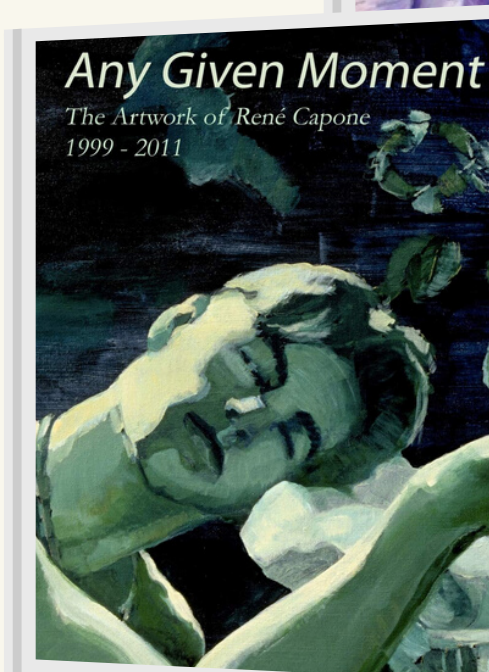
Legend of Hedgehog Boy (2019)

A graphic novel. Contrary to historical fairy tales, which usually showed kids the dangers of straying from the "normal" path that society had agreed upon, Capone's story argues for self-expression, reconstruction after traumatic events and the building of a chosen family.



A Boy Named: The Artwork of René Capone (2014)

This full color paperback features 85 of Capone's paintings and drawings as well as a collection of photos of the artist taken by several photographers over the years. Forewords are included by arts educator Stephen Honicki and musician Lian Fitz.



Any Given Moment: The Artwork of René Capone 1999-2011 (2011)

This 158 page full color collection is an overview of the artist's work from 1999-2011. Revealing a fragmented moment of action, his paintings work like incomplete mysteries that inspire us to finish the detailing.